

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 44-46, 104, 110, 116, 117, 125-126, 131, 134-136 and 143-144 are active.

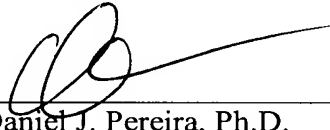
The non-elected claims have been cancelled. Claim 119 is cancelled.

A Terminal Disclaimer is attached addressing the rejection citing to copending application 10/069,981.

A Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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